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847 <sup>178</sup>~~148~~ 145 SEELY/KRIEBEL (INFO SWANSON/DIPAUL, MCPHE RSON OR

BBC) FROM BAKER/CHANDLEE SG179

RE OW 324 AND 325: CONCUR, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH LAO MONITOR,

THAT STATION IDENTIFICATION HAS BEEN CHANGED, WITH WORD

"PATHET"--MEANING "NATION"--REPLACING LAO WORD FOR "KINGDOM."

"PATHET LAO" CAN ACCORDINGLY MEAN "LAOTIAN NATION"

WITHOUT INDICATING THE WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL GROUPING. CLEARLY

THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE BROADCASTING FACILITIES, APPARENT

FROM PROGRAM FORMAT, ANNOUNCERS, AND CONTENT, AND MONITOR STATES

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THAT THESE TWO STATIONS FURTHERMORE USE DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES,

THOUGH THEY ARE VLOSE. TRADITIONAL PATHET LAO RADIO IS SPOKESMAN

FOR THE NLHX SOUPHANOUVONG GROUP; STATION WE HAVE CALLED "RADIO OF

THE LAOTIAN KINGDOM" REPRESENTS SO-CALLED "TRUE NEUTRALISTS,"

OR DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS, UNDER COLONEL DEUANE, WHICH IS

APPARENT FROM CONTENT. RECOMMEND ACCORDINGLY THAT MOST DESCRIPTIVE

SOURCELINE WOULD BE: "RADIO OF THE LAOTIAN DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS

(CLANDESTINE) IN LAO TO LAOS."

NOTE FOR GORMAN: PER YOUR OW 306. HAVE MADE EFFORTS OVER FIVE-DAY

PERIOD TO HEAR TANDJUNGPINANG FOR PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT

REGRET WITH NO SUCCESS. 311100Z JAN

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